

Nowakowski, Sonja

From: Patrick McGunagle [patmcgunagle@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 16, 2009 1:35 PM

To: Nowakowski, Sonja

Subject: RE: SJ21

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that SJ21, the bill concerning the Galton Study Area near the Ten Lakes Scenic Area close to the Canadian border, is under review. As a conscientious Montanan, I would like to voice my opinion on the matter.

SJ21 would virtually open the Ten Lakes Scenic Area to all manner of motorized activity. Currently, the area is open for snowmobiling in the winter, and motorized traffic on its numerous developed roads. Already under a semi-protected wilderness classification, I feel that this area is not deserving of the complete repealing of its protected nature, seeing as how there is already a plethora of motorized recreation opportunities in the area.

I have grown up in Montana, and throughout my high school years have come to appreciate with great enthusiasm the natural resources of this state. Seeing an area such as the Ten Lakes Scenic Area 'fall' through to no-restriction use would incite a 'domino' effect with like areas throughout the state, and soon we may regret our decision. I am all about using the land, but under the circumstances and the pristine ecological nature of the subject area, I see this area as just too important to open up. I hunt and hike in and about the region during the respective seasons, and know firsthand that the areas for motorized recreation are expansive and sufficient. Such a move as SJ21 proposes would be detrimental to the health and the ecosystem of the zone.

Thanks for considering my view.

Sincerely,

Patrick McGunagle  
Senior, Whitefish High School  
WHS Environmental Club President

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**From:** Ian Tolson [ian\_skateboards@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 12:50 PM

**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja

**Subject:** STOP THE MADNESS

I find that this SJ21 that is trying to be enacted is completely ridiculous and find it appalling to even try to do anything close to this. If this law is enacted it will disturb wildlife to an unnatural amount. Please dismiss this law and have hopes that it will not be enacted

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**From:** Kiley McConnell [knddeepwdr\_27@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 12:53 PM  
**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja  
**Subject:** SJ21

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that a recent bill has been drafted that would virtually open the Ten Lakes Scenic Area to all manner of recreational use. This area has historically been a semi-protected wilderness area open to snowmobile use and to motorized vehicle use on the roads only. It is my concern that eliminating such restrictions would be detrimental to the health of the area in the future; both ecologically and for future recreational use. As a born and bred Montanan I feel passionately about the value and health of the resources I have grown to be use to, and feel that this bill would subsequently encourage further measures of like areas to be taken throughout the state. As such I highly recommend it's immediate review by all manner of parties, so that this truely reflective of Montanan's desire.

Thank-you for considering my proposal,

Sincerely,

Kiley McConnell  
Whitefish Highschool

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**From:** Josh Schott [peacemonger\_1@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 12:54 PM

**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja

**Subject:** SJ21

Dear Natural Resources Committee and Montana Legislature:

I strongly oppose the proposed legislation of SJ21. SJ21 is a bill that is a step towards the wrong direction in Montana wilderness land management. Instead of proposing legislation that would promote the degradation of the our precious land by opening it to increased logging and motorized vehicle use that destroys the land and disturbs the animal species that inhabit that area, please encourage legislation that would designate the Ten Lakes Scenic Area as a designated wilderness. Montana's valuable wilderness is dwindling due to legislation such as this bill is proposing. If we continue such practices Montana will lose its unique characteristic of being the "Last Best Place", this legislation is a step towards destroying that slogan. Please do not allow this bill to be passed. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Josh Schott

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**From:** sherman [sherman@montanasky.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2009 10:30 AM  
**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja  
**Subject:** NO on SJ21

Dear Sonja

Please express my strong opposition to SJ21 sponsored by Curtis.  
I know this area very well and this bill will only bring further degradation to this beautiful area.

Thank you,  
Roger Sherman  
6203 Monterra Ave  
Unit H  
Whitefish MT 59937

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**From:** Edwin Fields [edwin@fieldsconstruction.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 9:58 AM  
**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja  
**Subject:** SJ21

To the committee, It looks like Aubyn Curtis has come up with another paranoid bill to attempt to create a new country in Lincoln Co. Our National Forest by definition belong to the nation . Methods exist for all of us to participate in management decisions on our forests. Montanans for Multiple Use and Aubyn are not the rulers of our land. Please show them that we are all created equal by killing this bill in committee. Thank you, Edwin Fields, 511 Lakewood Ct. , Whitefish, Montana, 59937. 406-862-7269

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**From:** Holloway, Matt [HollowayM@wfps.k12.mt.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 10:44 AM  
**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO on SJ21!!!

Dear Natural Resource Committee and Montana Legislature,

It would be a complete and abject moral failure of our stewardship of the Ten Lakes Scenic Area/Galton Study Area to support or pass SJ21. PLEASE, do not support or pass this bill! As a Montanan who has hiked almost every bit of the Galton Study Area, I declare publically that SJ21 should be abandoned and dismissed, and instead a bill be drafted that demands Congress to establish the Ten Lakes Scenic Area/Galton Study Area as true wilderness. SJ21 is nothing more than a plot to allow more motorized use in this pristine environment, and to allow for more logging. Already, you can use motorized recreational vehicles along almost every road in the study area. In the winter time you can snowmachine on every road. We DO NOT NEED any more roads, or any recreational vehicles allowed off-road. This study area is critical habitat for grizzly bears, wolverines, lynx, and many other species that need their habitat protected from roads and logging, and from excessive mechanized intrusion. If you look at a map of the Whitefish Range, logging, roads, and motorized use is already allowed almost everywhere. When is enough, enough? Why can't try and protect this one last little gem outside of Eureka? It is my sincere hope that in not passing SJ21 you will be leading us in that direction of stewardship. For the sake of our wilderness and hunting heritage, please vote NO on SJ21.

Thank you for your time and attention on this sensitive matter.

Matt Holloway  
836 10<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

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**From:** Tanner Hosek [tanner\_hockey\_13@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 1:01 PM

**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja

**Subject:** SJ21

When i first heard about SJ21 I was appalled. I object with unfaltering certainty if you choose to pass this bill. The ten lakes area is already atv and motorbike excessible and does not need any other trails or roads to interrupt the natural coarse of wildlife around it. Please, please help montana stay the last best place and veto SJ21.

Sincerely,  
Tanner Hosek

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**From:** Stella Holt [sh\_v2gurl@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 1:01 PM

**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja

**Subject:** Vote No on SJ21

Dear Natural Resource Committee and Montana Legislature,

As an environmentally aware student and Whitefish High School, I have been notified of the content of the bill SJ21 concerning the Ten Lakes Scenic Area and Galton Study Area. I feel that the effects from passing this bill would be harmful to many aspects of our environment. The use of motor vehicles on the wilderness can create many problems for the surrounding wildlife. I urge you to please take in to consideration all effects concerning this bill including depreciation of the beauty of the area.

Thank you for your time.  
Stella Holt

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**From:** Sterling Bax [wishin4powdar\_sb8@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 1:04 PM

**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja

**Subject:** SJ21

I just became aware of the bill SJ21 you are taking votes on to pass. I am extremely opposed to this bill and I believe that this is an appalling idea to destroy precious montana land. Please do not let this happen.

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**From:** Jelena Ruth [bailey\_girl29@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 1:07 PM

**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja

**Subject:** please vote no to SJ21!

I am a young individual going to Whitefish High School. I just heard the most disturbing news that there is a bill wanting to be passed at 3:00 p.m. today and I strongly encourage you to vote against it. Hearing that more of our land is going to be used for motorized vehicles is just appalling. Thank you for your time and again PLEASE VOTE NO for the sake of our land, and our animals.

sincerely,  
Jelena R. Bailey

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**From:** Anne Miller [rossixc@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 1:06 PM  
**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja  
**Subject:** SJ21

Dear Natural Resource Committee and Montana Legislature,

I have been made aware of the content of the bill SJ21 to be presented today concerning the Ten Lakes Scenic Area/ Galton Study Area. This area can already be used for motorized recreation along every road. Allowing for motorized recreation off road would break the pristine silence that this wilderness affords for the avid hiker and nature lover as well as the local habitat, made up of grizzly bears, wolverines, and lynx, among other species. Please do not pass this bill. Our state is known as the "last best place" and the support of this bill would ultimately ruin the wilderness that our state is known for. I urge you to vote NO on SJ21.

Thank you for your time,

Anne Miller

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**From:** Megan Shaver [megn22@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 16, 2009 1:18 PM  
**To:** Nowakowski, Sonja  
**Subject:** Regarding SJ21

Dear Natural Resource Committee and Montana Legislature,

As a environmentally conscious member of the Whitefish High School Environmental Club, I am writing concerning the proposed SJ21 bill, which would eliminate the current protections for the Ten Lakes Scenic Area/ Galton Study Area. If this bill is passed, this current area would become infested with ATVs or logging trucks, both of which would de-value the current state of this area. PLEASE, vote against SJ21, not only to promote the beauty of this Montana area, but also to discredit other attempts to turn other wilderness areas or scenic areas into dusty, noisy motorbike trails. Please reconsider the possible effects this bill would have if passed. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Megan Shaver  
Whitefish Environmental Club Member

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